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A float plane is silhouetted by the setting sun as it approaches Vancouver on Nov. 2, 2010. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Changes urged for float planes

Expert opinion. Most of death-review panel's recommendations are directed at improved industry regulation in B.C.

The B.C. Coroners Service is recommending Transport Canada require all passengers and crew aboard commercial float planes to wear life jackets during every stage of a flight.

That's among 19 recommendations issued Tuesday by a death-review panel of industry experts aiming to prevent fatal accidents along British Columbia's coast.

The panel also recommended that all new and existing seaplanes be equipped with emergency exits so people could quickly disembark after a collision with water.

The panel called for certified aircraft to be equipped with a switch that severs connections with electrical power sources to prevent fires after impact.

Chief coroner Lisa Lapointe said the recommendations should be taken very seriously because they're based on a detailed examination of four crashes that killed 23 people between 2005 and 2009.

The Transportation Safety Board (TSB) has been calling for similar changes for more than a decade, but the federal government delayed implementing the changes last year in favour of further consultations.

One of the incidents the panel reviewed involved the November 2009 deaths of six people, including a baby, after a de Havilland Beaver crashed and sank in Lyall Harbour off Saturna Island.

The panel recommended that Transport Canada initiate research into technologies that would allow seaplanes to stay afloat, or significantly delay the rate of sinking, after collisions with water.

There were several reasons for the crash, but the TSB was most concerned with the fact that passengers were unable to escape the damaged, sinking plane. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Obstruction

Pilot allegedly swallowed video card of fatal hang-gliding flight: Report

The pilot involved in fatal hang-gliding incident over the weekend allegedly swallowed a memory card that might have contained a video of what happened, according to Global.

William (Jon) Orders, 50, of Burnaby, was charged Monday with obstructing justice for allegedly not providing key information following the death of Lenami Godinez-Avila, 27, who fell 300 metres to her death during a tandem hang-glider flight Saturday.

Orders allegedly swallowed the card containing the video of the fatal flight, according to the news report. He is expected to appear in provincial court in Chilliwack on Wednesday.

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

Premier

Clark won't lobby Ottawa on pot laws despite history

Premier Christy Clark has virtually admitted she smoked pot in her high school days, but says that doesn't mean she's about to lobby the federal government to loosen Canada's marijuana laws.

Clark says she attended high school in suburban Vancouver in the early 1980s and that students smoked pot regularly.

She says it was hard for students to avoid marijuana and it was something she did not ignore.

Clark says her priorities as premier are creating jobs and helping families and that she'll leave changing the pot laws to Ottawa.

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Firefighters check 42-year-old Rodney Bruyere for injuries after a police car rammed his vehicle Friday night on Commercial Drive. There was a young boy inside. KATE WEBB/METRO

Commissioner to review VPD crash

Commercial Drive. Allegedly stolen car had an eight-year-old boy inside

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The Office of the Police Complaints Commissioner is reviewing a crash between an unmarked VPD car and an allegedly stolen sedan in the middle of a busy Vancouver street Friday night.

The crash on Commercial Drive at Kitchener Street shut down the block just after 8 p.m. A distraught woman passenger got out of the car and yelled at the officers for endangering her and the young boy as dozens of witnesses looked on.

The driver, a suspect with a criminal record of thefts and assaults dating back to 1990, complained of a sore neck and was checked over by firefighters as he was placed under arrest.

VPD Const. Lindsey Houghton said the police SUV was travelling less than 30 km/h when it hit the car, which had been reported stolen about an hour earlier.

"It was completely unknown that there was a child in the car," he told Metro.

VPD policy states in order to ram a suspect's car an officer must know the suspect has committed, is about to commit or is committing a serious criminal offence that poses a threat of bodily harm or death to others.

"Everyone knows that stolen vehicles are used to commit more serious crimes, and in fact this driver allegedly already earlier that night drove dangerously, arguably endangering the public to attempt to evade a marked police car," Houghton said.

The 42-year-old driver, Rodney Bruyere of Vancouver, is charged with theft of a vehicle, possession of stolen property over $5,000, and breach of an undertaking.

Houghton said the VPD's Collision Review Board will look at the cars' black boxes to determine how fast they were going, and whether all police procedures were followed.

Deputy Police Complaints Commissioner Rollie Woods said that police can only ram a suspect vehicle if there is very minimal danger to the public, otherwise they are obliged to let it go.

"Ramming doesn't happen very often, and in my experience, when we have had cases where the police have rammed a vehicle to stop it, we look very, very closely at the reasons why they did that, and if it's not explainable, then we ask for an investigation," he said. "So if that's the circumstances here then I'll be looking at this very closely and making a decision probably (Wednesday) as to whether the police will have to investigate this further."

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On the web

Rethinking the rules on exotic animals

Ever since officials were forced to slaughter more than two dozen tigers, leopards and lions last year after a suicidal owner of an Ohio exotic-animal farm set them free, lawmakers have been rethinking the rules. In some states, it's easier to buy a tiger or lion from a breeder than it is to adopt a kitten from a shelter. Get the full story and video at metronews.ca

Mobile news

The instructions are simple: Hold up an old photo in front of the place where it was originally shot, take a picture of the picture, then write a dedication about what the photo means to you. Scan the code for more on the web phenomenon.

Talks trend. Speakers' series a hot ticket among young Vancouverites

Former city councillor Peter Ladner is pleased to see Vancouver becoming a hotbed of intellectually, visually and socially stimulating speakers' series, from sold-out slideshow talks to storytelling evenings.

He recently blogged about the phenomenon, listing examples such as last week's PechaKucha night, which jammed 12 six-minute presentations by local artists, designers and entrepreneurs into a single hour at the Vogue Theatre, and Rain City Chronicles, a series of short stories and performances by a diverse roster of Vancouverites.

He pointed out it's mostly the under-40 crowd packing theatres and community houses for the licensed, TED-talk-style events — and their motivation is as much social as it is educational.

Other successful events that have followed the formula include CreativeMornings, a monthly breakfast lecture series for creative types; the SFU Centre for Dialogue's lunchtime "city conversations" series; and former Vancouver mayor Sam Sullivan's Public Salons.

"Expect this trend to grow, and our community to be richer for it," Ladner wrote.

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Vancouver's PechaKucha night features 12 six-minute slideshows in front of sold-out audiences at the Vogue Theatre. CONTRIBUTED

Theft

Crooks clean out historic Lytton church

Thieves ran off with "priceless" historical artifacts after ransacking a 140-year-old church in B.C.'s Fraser Canyon.

Chief Janet Webster of the Lytton First Nation said volunteers at St. Mary's and St. Paul's Anglican Church discovered the theft sometime after Easter.

Among the valuables taken were an organ donated by former governor general Marquis de Lorne in 1877, a 19th-century painting by E.W.W. Pugh, a painting of a First Nations Madonna and Child by Wilma Lloyd-Davies, as well as many other sentimental items.

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Crime

Co-accused in 2010 gang murder sentenced to jail

RCMP say that two men have been sentenced to jail following the 2010 gang-related murder of Gurmit Dhak.

Christopher Iser, 28, has been sentenced to five and a half years in jail after being convicted of possession of a firearm and other firearm-related charges.

Co-accused Pedram Taromi Nejad Shirazi, 27, pleaded guilty earlier this year to charges relating to two loaded automatic rifles found in a Jeep in Vancouver's Kensington Park. He was sentenced to five years in prison.

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Former NHL defenceman Scott Niedermayer is part of the World Wildlife Fund and Coastal First Nations' new campaign called Canadians for the Great Bear.
PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

ex-NHL star joins Great Bear defence

Rainforest rescue. Opponents claim Northern Gateway pipeline project would bring few benefits to British Columbia

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"Captain Canada" Scott Niedermayer is playing defence for a new team.

The former NHL star joined forces with the World Wildlife Fund and B.C.'s Coastal First Nations to protect Canada's Great Bear rainforest from the proposed Enbridge Northern Gateway pipeline from the Alberta oil sands to Kitimat.

"Last fall, I had the opportunity to see the Great Bear for myself," Niedermayer said. "It's an extraordinary area rich with life."

The rainforest is the second-largest intact coastal temperate rainforest on the planet and B.C.'s mid-coast is home to at least 17 types of marine mammals, including the humpback and killer whales.

"The risks to this area are too high to allow oil tankers and an oil pipeline," he added. "The results of a spill would be devastating to the fish, the wildlife and the people who depend on them for jobs and their way of life."

Enbridge estimates the project will create 78 permanent on-site jobs in B.C. On Monday, the B.C. NDP filed a letter to the National Energy Board's joint review panel outlining its opposition of the $5.5-billion project.

Niedermayer and other well-known British Columbians like former Vancouver councillor Peter Ladner, economist Robyn Allan and Grand Chief Edward John, hereditary chief of the Tl'azt'en Nation, form the first line of a new nationwide campaign called Canadians for the Great Bear.

The campaign calls for an energy strategy that protects Canadian values, jobs and the environment.

Allan said she evaluated the economic case for the Enbridge pipeline project and claims the benefits do not exist for B.C. and most Canadians.

PNE launches summer music festival for teens

The PNE has announced a summer music festival just for teens, featuring Mission-raised pop sensation Carly Rae Jepsen, Juno-nominated local pop rockers Marianas Trench and American singer and actor Joe Jonas.

The Summer Playland Festival will bring seven acts per day to two stages from July 6-8.

Festival ticketholders will also get access to Playland rides.

Other big names heading to the PNE for the festival include OneRepublic, Dragonette, Cobra Starship, Danny Fernandes, Gym Class Heroes and Hot Chelle Rae.

Tickets go on sale May 5 at 10 a.m. on TicketLeader.ca, or through the PNE website at pne.ca.

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Pop sensation Carly Rae Jepsen will be part of the PNE fest. CONTRIBUTED

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INCLUDES Singapore River accom. **UPGRADE** to 5-star accom from $16 per night. **ADD** night safari from $52.

Rio de Janeiro
Air + 8 Nights — from $1795 + taxes & fees $435
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Cape Town
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Europe

London Air + 5 Nights
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INCLUDES central accom near shopping and restaurants.

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Air + 7 Nights — from $629◊ + taxes & fees $133
INCLUDES central accom with free transportation to major attractions. Price per person based on family of 4. **UPGRADE** to 4-star accom from $5 per night. **ADD** Universal 2-Day Park to Park Ticket from $138/adult, $128/child (ages 3-9). **BOOK** this package based on double occupancy from $659.

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Occupy has spring resurrection on May Day

Occupy Vancouver protesters, unions and other activists gathered at the Vancouver Art Gallery Monday for a May Day rally. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

X will not mark the spot at Whistler

X Games. ESPN ultimately decides to award April games to summer host outside North America

Despite putting forth a "strong bid," Whistler will not be playing host to the winter X Games any time soon.

The scenic B.C. resort town was in the running to become one of three new host cities in ESPN's effort to expand the extreme-sports event. But the bid from the former Olympic co-host lost out to pitches from Barcelona, Munich and Foz do Iguacu, Brazil.

Whistler was the only winter city included on the nine-bid shortlist. The new cities selected will stage summer competitions through 2015.

The news came as a surprise to Whistler's bid committee.

"We are disappointed for sure," said Barrett Fisher, Tourism Whistler's president and CEO. "We had strong hopes that we would have a successful winter bid but it wasn't meant to be. The feedback we received from ESPN indicated that we had a strong bid and that Whistler is a great winter destination."

ESPN will not add a new winter event to the global calendar right now, instead expanding the summer program with three new events to complement the two existing summer X Games in Los Angeles.

"Whistler put in a very strong bid, and their venues and team are world class," said Scott Guglielmino, ESPN's senior vice-president of programming and X Games.

"An X Games event at Whistler would be a special experience. Ultimately, the decision to not be at Whistler next year was based on the opportunities in other markets versus any shortcomings with Whistler."

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Lost opportunity

"It's too bad that Canadian athletes aren't going to have the opportunity to host our international competitors on our home turf."

Ashleigh McIvor, Whistler's 2010 Olympic ski-cross gold-medal winner
McIvor was surprised and disappointed by the news

Labour

Librarians are losing their sick days: Union

Eleven veteran librarians, library technicians and information assistants at the Vancouver Public Library (VPL) won't be able to access their sick leave after budget cuts and reduced work hours, their union says.

Alexandra Youngberg, president of the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 391, said the union is filing a policy grievance against VPL for violating the workers' collective agreement by stripping away their access to sick leave they accumulated prior to losing their work hours.

"We had a person with cancer, another person in the hospital who had surgery," Youngberg said. "So now when they need time off to recuperate, they wouldn't have that time off."

She said $500,000 has been chopped off the VPL budget, affecting the frontline service hours of the employees — some of whom have been on staff for more than 30 years.

VPL chief librarian Sandra Singh said it is a "challenging time," but management has been able to ensure that no staff member lost their hours completely.

"In the cost reduction, there are some staff who saw their hours reduced below the 20 hours. They don't have the pro-rated benefits but they still receive the percentage in lieu of the sick time and vacation benefits."

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Defence rests

Closing arguments loom at Stafford trial

The trial of the man accused of killing eight-year-old Victoria Stafford is now poised to hear closing arguments.

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Alleged killing

Manitoba soldier pleads guilty to manslaughter

A Manitoba-based soldier accused of beating a man to death has pleaded guilty to manslaughter.

Jason John Ouimet was a gunner at Canadian Forces Base Shilo.

Ouimet had been charged with second-degree murder, but that was downgraded under a plea bargain when he pleaded guilty to the lesser count in the death of Duane John Lacquette.

Police said the 21-year-old victim died from blunt-force trauma at his Brandon home in January 2010. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Law

Hearing for judge who posed nude

A hearing date has been set for a Manitoba judge whose explicit nude photographs appeared online.

The Judicial Council is to hold a hearing May 19. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Stealth accounting

Two sets of books?

The bureaucracy fired back Tuesday at Canada's budget watchdog over his suggestion the government kept two sets of books on the multibillion-dollar purchase of new stealth-fighter jets.

Parliamentary budget officer Kevin Page said in a weekend radio interview that it seemed as if one set of books inside the Department of National Defence contained a higher cost estimate for the F-35 fighters while another, lower number was presented to the public.

A senior Defence official said his department kept only one set of books.

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Judge takes veterans' side on disability-benefit clawbacks

A Federal Court ruling that Ottawa should stop clawing back disability benefits from former Canadian Forces members is a key legal victory for some of the country's most injured veterans, their lawyers say.

The plaintiffs, who launched a class-action lawsuit against the federal government, argued last November that the benefits were being unjustly clawed back because the payments were unfairly deemed as income.

The lawyers said that veterans' long-term disability benefits were being reduced by the amount of their disability pensions, with some of the most gravely injured not receiving any of their pension.

In a decision released Tuesday, Judge Robert Barnes agreed that the monthly Veterans Affairs pensions aren't "income benefits," and therefore can't be used to offset money they are owed.

"The practical consequences of the claimed offset is to substantially reduce or to extinguish the long-term disability coverage promised to members," Barnes wrote in his decision.

He added this would create "a particularly harsh effect on the most seriously disabled Canadian Forces members who have been released from active service."

"That is an outcome that could not reasonably have been intended and I reject it unreservedly."

Veteran John Labelle goes through screening at federal court in Halifax in November. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Peter Driscoll, a lawyer for the veterans, said if Ottawa doesn't appeal then the decision could mean millions of dollars in retroactive compensation for the former members of the forces.

"We're overjoyed," Driscoll said in a phone interview. "We're pleased the court has found the clawbacks we've complained of are unlawful."

The federal government did not return an immediate request for comment.

Some veterans say they are losing upwards of $3,500 a month in clawbacks.

Their lawyers have said thousands of veterans are being subjected to the same practice, putting the cost of stopping it and reimbursing veterans somewhere between $270 million and $320 million.

Driscoll said his clients are expecting the money to be repaid.

"We're calling on the government of Canada to honour their ethical, moral and now legal obligation to immediately end the clawback," he said. Dennis Manuge said he hopes negotiations for compensation begin soon

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Black to come back after all

Surprise move.
Ministry grants temporary-resident permit to disgraced mogul, saying he's no threat to public

Former media tycoon Conrad Black has been granted permission to live in Canada when he is released from a Florida prison Friday after serving time for obstruction of justice and fraud.

The Department of Citizenship and Immigration has authorized a one-year temporary resident permit for Black that starts in early May, a source confirmed.

The permit was granted on the grounds that he poses no threat to the Canadian public, a source familiar with the matter told the paper.

The 67-year-old Montreal native renounced his Canadian citizenship in 2001 after being offered a peerage in Britain's House of Lords. Black's two convictions make him criminally inadmissible for residency in Canada. But his temporary resident permit circumvents this.

Conrad Black, who renounced his Canadian citizenship, will be allowed return here on a special permit. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The permit was granted on the grounds that he poses no threat to the Canadian public, a source familiar with the matter said.

The former head of Hollinger International media empire has spent three-and-a-half years in U.S. prisons after being convicted of fraud and obstruction of justice in 2007.

Citizenship and Immigration Minister Jason Kenney, asked about Black in Parliament, said he had given instructions that public servants would decide on Black's application independently of any input from him or his office. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Students divided in Quebec's tuition wars

Divisions in Quebec's student protest movement erupted into public view Tuesday, with masked demonstrators disrupting a news conference held by the province's more moderate student groups.

The bizarre scene, featuring black-clad, anonymous protesters heckling the student leaders raises new questions about whether the Charest government can negotiate a settlement with demonstrators that will keep the social peace.

The two student groups holding the news conference were trying to release a series of proposals to the government, aimed at resolving a weeks-long dispute over tuition.

Because that seven-point proposal plan included a tuition freeze — something the Charest government has repeatedly called a non-starter — it's hard to imagine the government accepting it, anyway.

But according to the small group that crashed the news conference, even those proposals went too far.

The masked protesters repeatedly heckled the student leaders and at one point forced an interruption of the news conference.

The third main student federation, the most hardline one — called the C.L.A.S.S.E. — will be tabling its own proposals later this week.

There's no evidence Tuesday's hecklers are formally affiliated with any official student group. The demonstrators refused to reveal their identities. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tribunal. Libya challenges ICC's right to try Gadhafi son

The Libyan government on Tuesday formally challenged the International Criminal Court's (ICC) right to try Moammar Gadhafi's son for war crimes, arguing that he should face justice on Libyan soil despite concerns he may not receive a fair trial there.

It also asked the court, based in The Hague to drop its demands to hand over Seif al-Islam Gadhafi while it considers the challenge.

The ICC is authorized by the UN to try war crimes committed last year as rebels fought the Gadhafi regime. It has issued an arrest warrant for the late dictator's son for allegedly killing and persecuting civilians during the uprising.

Seif was captured by rebels last year and is being held in isolation in the western Libyan town of Zintan. Ultimately the court has no police force or other way of enforcing its rulings, and can only appeal to the UN if Libya were to flout them.

However, the ICC does not oppose Seif being tried in Libya in principle, spokeswoman Sonia Robla said Tuesday.

The court only tries a case when a country is unable or unwilling to do so itself. But its judges must agree that Seif will face substantially the same charges he was indicted on and that his trial will be fair, she said.

Seif al-Islam Gadhafi
NASSER NASSER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

"Holding Seif al-Islam's trial in Libya is a demand from the Libyan people," Mohammed al-Hareizi, a spokesman for the National Transitional Council, said Tuesday. "He must be tried in Libya because he committed war crimes against Libyans and it means a lot to the Libyan people to try Seif in Libyan courts."

The Arab League has issued a statement backing Libya's right to try al-Islam.

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Death toll up from ferry disaster near Bangladesh

India. Rescuers recover 103 bodies, fear many more perished

Rescuers on Tuesday had recovered 103 bodies from a turbulent river in northeast India after a heavily packed ferry capsized, saying they feared that dozens of others had been swept by the current to neighbouring Bangladesh.

The overloaded ferry overturned and broke into two pieces in stormy weather late Monday. About 100 people were still missing Tuesday evening.

Abdul Mazid, a local villager, was among grieving relatives and survivors gathered on the banks of the Brahmaputra River in Assam state.

He had rushed there soon after the boat ferrying about 350 people — including his sister — capsized. Some passengers swam to safety or were rescued by villagers.

Rescuers said they feared that the swift-moving current had carried dozens of bodies downstream into neighbouring Bangladesh.

Abdul Mazid, 42, centre, whose sister is missing, anxiously watches rescuers pull out the wreckage of a ferry that capsized in the Brahmaputra River at Buraburi village in India. ANUPAM NATH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The ferry was a daily service that connected several small riverside villages and islands to the main district town. Survivors told television channels how the ferry had been packed tight with passengers and cargo, with about 150 people riding on the ferry's roof.

Hasnat Ali said that he had been on the roof as the vessel headed to shore to dock when a storm hit. The ferry was tossed about, and many of those sitting with him were thrown off. Some managed to swim to shore before the ferry was dashed to pieces, he said.

Ali managed to cling to a log and was later rescued by local villagers, he said.

The accident occurred near Fakiragram village in west Dhubri district, about 350 kilometres west of the state capital, Gauhati, and close to where the Brahmaputra River enters Bangladesh.

The area is dotted with riverside settlements and islands, and boats are the most common mode of transport. Most ferries are poorly built and often overcrowded, with little regard for safety regulations.

Deep-sea divers and disaster-rescue soldiers worked through the night to help survivors to shore and retrieve bodies from the river.

Soldiers and members of India's disaster-response team hauled the remains of the ferry from the river using ropes tied to two tractors. An official said that they managed to lift the wreckage enough to be sure no bodies were trapped inside.

Jishnu Baruah, the home commissioner of Assam state, asked investigators to inspect the condition of the boats operating in the area and to enforce strict adherence to safety standards.

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End of an era? Cuba mulls ending travel restrictions

After controlling the comings and goings of its people for five decades, communist Cuba appears on the verge of a momentous decision to lift many travel restrictions. One senior official says a "radical and profound" change is weeks away.

The comment by Parliament Chief Ricardo Alarcon has residents, exiles and policy makers abuzz with speculation that the much-hated exit visa could be a thing of the past, even if Raul Castro's government continues to limit the travel of doctors, scientists, military personnel and others in sensitive roles to prevent a brain drain.

In the past 18 months, Castro has removed prohibitions on some private enterprises, legalized real estate and car sales, and allowed compatriots to hire employees, ideas that were long anathema to the government's Marxist underpinnings.

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Exit visa

- **Open doors.** The move would open the door to increased emigration and make it easier for Cubans overseas to avoid forfeiting their residency rights, a fate that has befallen waves of exiles since the 1959 revolution.
- **Travel abroad.** It could also bolster the number of Cubans who travel abroad for work, increasing earnings sent home in the short term and, ultimately, investment by a new moneyed class.

Netherlands

Weed-sale ban partially in effect

A policy barring foreign tourists from buying marijuana in the Netherlands went into effect in parts of the country Tuesday, with attention focused on the southern city of Maastricht.

Weed is technically illegal in the Netherlands, but it has been sold openly for decades in small amounts in designated cafés. Under a government policy change, as of May 1, only holders of a "weed pass" are supposed to be allowed to purchase the drug in three southern provinces.

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Questions still remain over who facilitated bin Laden's stay in Pakistan

Security forces. No answers from Pakistan one year after the U.S. raid that killed world's most wanted terrorist

A Pakistani shepherd looks on while leading his livestock along a road in Abbottabad, Pakistan, where U.S. commandos killed Osama bin Laden one year ago. MUHAMMED MUHEISEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

One year since U.S. commandos flew into this Pakistani army town and killed Osama bin Laden, Islamabad has failed to answer tough questions over whether its security forces were protecting the world's most wanted terrorist.

Partly as a result, fallout from the raid still poisons relations between Washington and Pakistan, where anti-American sentiment, support for Islamist extremism and anger at the violation of sovereignty in the operation can be summed up by a Twitter hashtag doing the rounds: #02MayBlackDay.

The Pakistani government initially welcomed the raid that killed bin Laden in his three-storey compound, but within hours the mood changed as it became clear that Pakistan's army was cut out of the operation. Any discussions over how bin Laden managed to stay undetected in Pakistan were drowned out in anger at what the army portrayed as a treacherous act by a supposed ally.

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Obama in Afghanistan to sign security deal

President Barack Obama is greeted by Lt.-Gen. Curtis (Mike) Scaparrotti, and U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan Ryan Crocker as he steps off Air Force One at Bagram Air Field in Afghanistan on Tuesday. CHARLES DHARAPAK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

President Barack Obama slipped into Afghanistan Tuesday night on an unannounced visit on the anniversary of the killing of 9-11 mastermind Osama bin Laden. Obama is signing an agreement cementing a U.S. commitment to the nation after the long and unpopular war comes to an end.

The partnership spells out the U.S. relationship with Afghanistan beyond 2014, covering security, economics and governance. The deal is limited in scope and essentially gives both sides political cover: Afghanistan gets its sovereignty and a promise it won't be abandoned, while the U.S. gets to end its combat mission but keep a foothold in the country.

The deal does not commit the United States to any specific troop presence or spending. But it does allow the U.S. to potentially keep troops in Afghanistan after the war ends for two specific purposes: continued training of Afghan forces and targeted operations against al-Qaida, which is present in neighbouring Pakistan but has only a nominal presence inside Afghanistan.

Officials have previously said as many as 20,000 U.S. troops may remain after the combat mission ends, but that must still be negotiated. The United States does promise to seek money from Congress every year to support Afghanistan.

Obama is joining Afghan President Hamid Karzai to sign the agreement that will broadly govern the U.S. role in Afghanistan after the American combat mission stops at the end of 2014 — 13 years after it began.

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Politics

At home, Obama's Republican opponent, Mitt Romney has retorted to the Obama campaign's suggestion that Romney might not have gone after bin Laden as Obama did.

- Obama has tried to portray inconsistency in Romney's position on the merits of targeting bin Laden.

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Occupy meets May Day

Protestors affiliated with the Occupy Wall Street movement clash with police outside of a Wells Fargo Bank branch during a May Day demonstration on Tuesday in Philadelphia. Hundreds of activists across the U.S. joined the worldwide May Day protests on Tuesday, with Occupy Wall Street members in several cities leading demonstrations against major financial institutions.

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Anniversary of bin Laden killing gets political

Election campaign. Republicans take aim at Obama administration for 'politicizing' takedown

Mitt Romney

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Republican Mitt Romney said Tuesday that it was "totally appropriate" for U.S. President Barack Obama to claim credit for taking out Osama bin Laden a year ago but that his decision to politicize a unifying event for the country was not.

Obama's re-election campaign has used his decision to order the U.S. military raid that ended with the 9-11 mastermind's death to suggest that Romney would not have made the same call. Romney, the president's all-but-certain Republican challenger in the fall election, says he would have made the same decision.

The two candidates are nearly even in most polls ahead of the November elections and as Romney has solidified his status as the challenger, the two men have been taking direct aim at each other in a series of speeches and campaign ads.

Marking the anniversary at a New York City fire house that lost 11 men on Sept. 11, 2001, Romney said he understood the president's desire to take credit for killing one of the world's most-wanted men.

"It's totally appropriate for the president to express to the American people the view that he has that he had an important role in taking out Osama bin Laden," Romney said after visiting the lower Manhattan fire station with Rudy Giuliani, who was mayor when terrorists flew planes into the World Trade Center's twin towers and killed nearly 3,000 people.

For his part, Obama marked the occasion by putting the power of incumbency on display. He flew unannounced to Afghanistan to sign an agreement cementing the U.S. commitment to that country after the unpopular war there ends. His predecessor, Republican George W. Bush, sent in troops shortly after 9-11 to eradicate Taliban and al-Qaida forces.

Obama addressed U.S. audiences from Afghanistan Tuesday before returning to Washington.

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Mali

Junta overtakes countercoup

After fierce fighting in Mali's capital, troops loyal to the junta overran the main camp of the soldiers who tried to oust them in a countercoup.

Gunfire echoed across Bamako as Malian government troops battled each other Tuesday, killing at least 12 people.

Mali's coup leaders, who took power over a month ago, said they control the state broadcaster, the airport and a military base, fending off attacks by opposing forces.

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United Nations

U.S. urges vote on Sudan resolution

The U.S. and its allies are pushing for a vote Wednesday on a UN resolution that would threaten non-military sanctions against Sudan or South Sudan if they don't halt fighting and return to negotiations.

Diplomats say, however, that Russia and China have sought changes to the draft.

The draft resolution endorses an African Union road map aimed at getting the two countries to step back from the brink of war and resolve their differences. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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U.S. feds nab 5 allegedly plotting to blow up bridge

Turning to violence.
Accused plotters talked about making a statement against corporate America

Five men described by federal authorities as anarchists angry with corporate America and the government were charged Tuesday with plotting to bomb a bridge linking two wealthy Cleveland suburbs.

The men were arrested Monday night after unknowingly working with an FBI informant for months. They were charged with conspiracy and trying to bomb property used in interstate commerce.

"They talked about making a statement against corporate America and the government as some of the motivations for their actions," said U.S. Attorney Steven Dettelbach in announcing the arrests.

The alleged plotters researched explosives and obtained what they thought was C-4 explosives. The items, in fact, were harmless and the public was never at risk, because the men got the material from the informant, officials said.

Top row, from left, are Douglas Wright, Brandon Baxter and Anthony Hayne. Bottom row, from left, are Joshua Stafford and Connor Stevens. They are accused of plotting to blow up a bridge. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/FBI

All five had initial appearances Tuesday in U.S. District Court, where Magistrate Judge Greg White ordered them jailed without bond pending a hearing Monday. The charges carry possible penalties of more than 20 years in prison.

"Love you, Connor," shouted James Stevens to his son, Connor Stevens, 20, of suburban Berea, at the end of the hearing.

The other suspects were identified as Joshua S. Stafford, 23, and Anthony Hayne, 35, both of Cleveland, Brandon L. Baxter, 20, of nearby Lakewood, and Douglas L. Wright, 26, of Indianapolis.

The target of the plot was a bridge that carries a state highway over part of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park and a picturesque scenic rail line and canal towpath in the Brecksville area, about 24 kilometres south of downtown Cleveland.

The affidavit filed in court indicated that federal authorities got help from a paid confidential source who had previous robbery and other convictions and was on probation for passing bad checks. It said the informant began making contact with the suspects in October and had recorded conversations with them over the past three months.

The men also discussed other potential targets, including a law enforcement centre, oil wells or a cargo ship, according to the affidavit.

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Smuggling. U.K. police arrest seven on suspicion of funding terrorism

Seven people have been arrested in Britain on suspicion of financing terrorism in Somalia by smuggling a leaf that can produce a mild high into the U.S., officials said Tuesday.

Scotland Yard said the group was arrested as part of an operation that involved Homeland Security Investigations, the investigative branch of U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement.

The operation was investigating a network suspected of illegally exporting a leaf known as khat from the U.K., where it is legal, to the U.S. and Canada, where it is a controlled substance, Scotland Yard said.

"The proceeds generated by this illegal activity (were) then transferred back to Somalia," said Ross Feinstein, a spokesman for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

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Khat

- Khat is popular in East Africa and parts of the Arabian peninsula. Users chew on the leaf to induce feelings of euphoria.
- It has been illegal in the U.S. since 1993, but is still legal in many countries worldwide.

Terrorism

Man convicted of plotting New York subway attack

A man was convicted Tuesday of plotting an aborted suicide mission against New York City subways in 2009 — a case that featured the first-time testimony from admitted homegrown terrorists about al-Qaida's fixation with pulling off another attack on America soil.

A jury found Adis Medunjanin guilty of all counts for his role in a terror plot that federal authorities say was one of the closest calls since Sept. 11, 2001.

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Sarkozy makes his case

French president and candidate for re-election in 2012 Nicolas Sarkozy delivers a speech during a campaign meeting at Tocadero Square in Paris Tuesday, with the Eiffel Tower in the background.

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Court defends accommodations for Hudson at murder trial

Chicago. Actress is expected to attend each day of testimony

Jennifer Hudson arrives each day at the trial of the man accused of killing three of her close family members with her personal bodyguards in tow. She uses a secret entrance to elude photographers, eats in private and waits for proceedings to start in normally off-limits judge's chambers.

The Oscar winner, recently named one of the world's most beautiful women by People magazine, slips from the courtroom during particularly gory testimony.

Do the accommodations for the actress and singer add up to special star treatment?

"Absolutely not," said Irv Miller, a judge's liaison at the trial, which is into its second full week.

Most accommodations, he insisted, are courtesies routinely extended to victims enduring the grim ordeal of sitting through a murder trial. Others, he conceded, are necessary because Hudson — a 2004 American Idol finalist and 2007 Oscar winner for her role in Dreamgirls — is a celebrity.

"Star status means things have to be a little different," he said. "You just can't have a celebrity walking about, going to the cafeteria — people running up to ask for autographs."

Others, however, say the courthouse has gone too far.

"It's outrageous," said Manny Medrano, a Los Angeles-based defence attorney. "It sends the wrong signal to the world — that if you are a celebrity, you won't be treated like everyone."

Her treatment may be a result of Chicago's relative lack of experience with celebrity cases. In Southern California, said Medrano, people expect celebrities to be treated at court like everyone else.

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Olympic Games

Soldiers prep for Games missiles

Trucks carrying uniformed soldiers have fanned out around a London apartment block where the U.K. Ministry of Defence plans to place surface-to-air missiles during the Summer Olympics. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Politics

Livni steps down in Israel

Former foreign minister Tzipi Livni announced her resignation from parliament on Tuesday, weeks after she was ousted as opposition leader, in a move that could shake up Israeli politics. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

London

Wealthy fraudster to begin jail term

A London court on Tuesday ordered Michael Brown, a fugitive multi-millionaire fraudster and former donor to the U.K.'s Liberal Democrat party, to begin serving a seven-year sentence after he was extradited from Spain.

Brown was sentenced by Southwark Crown Court in 2008 on fraud charges in absentia after he fled Britain. Four former clients, including an ex-chairman of the Manchester United football club, had accused Brown of duping them out of about $65 million US.

Brown had posed as a highly successful bond dealer to extract money.

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Auto sales

Chrysler sales up, truck sales down

Chrysler models were again the best-selling vehicles in Canada in April as other big name automakers reported slipping sales.

Automakers remarked on an ongoing trend in which consumers are shifting their choices from trucks to cars, hybrids and fuel-efficient vehicles amid rising gasoline prices.

Chrysler said it sold 24,540 vehicles in April, up three per cent from 2011.

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Manufacturing

Cinram losing customers

Cinram International's long-suffering unitholders took another hit Tuesday after the DVD and CD manufacturer announced it's losing a "non-core" customer that accounts for about six per cent of overall revenue.

Cinram units (TSX:CRW.UN) dropped by 50 per cent to half a cent at mid-afternoon. The units have fallen from 66 cents a year ago and $26.50 five years ago, when it was one of the world's largest producers of recorded media. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Airline

Delta buying refinery to cut costs

Delta Air Lines is buying a refinery in a novel — and some say risky — attempt to slice $300 million a year from its escalating jet fuel bill.

The airline said Monday that it is buying a refinery near Philadelphia for $150 million from Phillips 66, a refining company being spun off from ConocoPhillips. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RIM reveals new operating system

Touting tech. 'We're taking our time to get this right,' says CEO about improved BlackBerry 10 OS

RIM CEO Thorsten Heins shows off a BlackBerry with the new operating system, which is still in beta testing. REINHOLD MATAY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The chief executive of Research In Motion, Thorsten Heins, stood before the developers who could play a crucial role in the company's future and gave them a first look Tuesday at the new BlackBerry 10 operating system.

The widely anticipated unveiling at its annual BlackBerry World conference centred on some awe-inspiring technological developments sandwiched between pounding club music and flashing spotlights.

The three-day showcase is intended to get fickle programmers excited about the future of RIM and developing applications for the BlackBerry 10. The Waterloo, Ont., company is struggling to recover from numerous blunders over the past year, including flagging sales, a woefully underdeveloped apps store and criticism that it hasn't released a new smartphone in ages.

"We're taking our time to make sure we get this right," Heins told developers shortly before revealing the prototype at the keynote address.

Heins, who marked his 100th day atop the smartphone maker on Tuesday, then pulled a touch-screen device from his pocket running the new OS in its beta version. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Camera

A new camera excited the conference's audience.

- **One feature captures several frames in quick succession, which can be combined to create a single "ideal" picture. If one person blinked in a photo, it can be replaced with an image of their face taken moments earlier with their eyes open.**

Flashmob

That was us, says RIM

BlackBerry-maker Research In Motion has admitted their role in organizing an anti-Apple flashmob outside a Sydney Apple Store last week.

The stunt saw dozens of black-clothed people arrive outside the store in a coach bus and wave "Wake up" signs at Apple customers inside the shop.

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THERE ARE NO WINNERS IN THE LINGERIE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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It wasn't easy, but I'm pretty sure I've discovered the worst idea ever spawned.

If you were going to start a Museum for Morons, this would be the cornerstone: the Lingerie Football League.

Here's the "concept": Teams of scantily clad women play tackle football. There are seven players to a side, and in addition to shoulder pads and helmets their uniforms include garters, bras and panties.

As far as I can tell, there are no male cheerleader squads in their tighty-whities, cheering on local favourites such as the Los Angeles Temptations, Lingerie Bowl champs for three years in row, or the Philadelphia Passion, last year's losers.

Here's the thing: The LFL is too stupid to live, at least in the U.S. The league recently announced it has shut down U.S. operations to concentrate on re-opening in April 2013 (remind you of the restaurant that's shut down for "renovations?") In the meantime, the only teams on the field in 2012 will be in — wait for it — Canada.

No league of their own

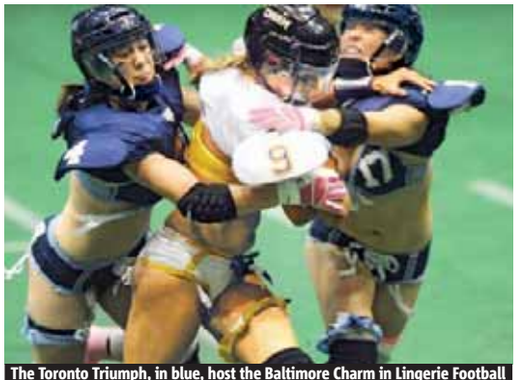
The sad thing is that, despite the automatic, gratuitous titillation that comes with this farce, some of the young women who play the game can actually play, and, when asked, say they would rather play in a serious league that requires clothes. But LFL is the only game in town.

Apparently, there are enough hosers left in the Great White North to watch women humiliate themselves for nothing. The league stopped paying players at the beginning of the 2011 season. If they get hurt in those ridiculous get-ups, tough. They pay their own health insurance, except in Canada where you and I pay for their health care.

There are four teams set to begin the season: the BC Angels, the Toronto Triumph and, to the eternal shame of Saskatchewan, the Regina Rage and the Saskatoon Sirens. The teams will play eight games, culminating in the Canadian Lingerie Bowl the day before the Grey Cup. The CFL should sue for unwanted proximity.

The sad thing — but not the only sad thing! There's a plethora of sad things! — is that, despite the automatic, gratuitous titillation that comes with this farce, some of the young women who play the game can actually play, and, when asked, say they would rather play in a serious league that requires clothes. But LFL is the only game in town. Actually four towns. In Canada.

It will be interesting to see if any of these games are actually played. And, if they are, if anyone shows up to watch. Even the most dedicated fans of the Rage or the Angels will be hard-pressed to explain where they're going instead of mowing the lawn or power-washing the deck: "Oh, just to watch a football game played by women in their sexy lingerie. Some of the girls can, um, play."



The Toronto Triumph, in blue, host the Baltimore Charm in Lingerie Football League action at the Ricoh Coliseum in Toronto.
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Standing in for mom's pouch

Baby in a bag

Baby wallaby bags new home

DUNSTABLE, ENGLAND. A tiny baby wallaby has been saved and is now being raised inside a backpack. Tilly, a seventh-month-old Bennett's wallaby, is being hand-reared by Whipsnade Zoo keepers using a rucksack and blanket as a substitute marsupium after being found out of her mother's pouch. **METRO**

Pouch of safety

- After birth, wallabies immediately crawl into their mothers' pouches where they continue to develop after birth. As with kangaroos, young wallabies are called joeys. Even after a joey leaves the pouch, it often returns to jump in to evade danger.

Zoo staff expect Tilly to live in the bag for another two months.
GETTY IMAGES

Bag lady

"She spends most of the day snuggled up in her rucksack with a blanket, where she's warm and safe, but has started to become more adventurous, hopping about and venturing out a bit more."

Jo Shirley, Whipsnade Zoo keeper

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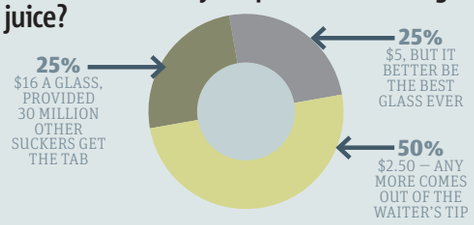
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Javier Bardem, left, stands with Daniel Craig. The two square off in the new James Bond film. DAVID DETTMAN/METRO WORLD NEWS

Fall in love with a villain

New Bond film. Javier Bardem wants you to sympathize with his character as he tries to kill James Bond

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It's a dirty job trying to kill James Bond, but Javier Bardem does not believe he is the bad guy.

"Actors are the lawyers of our characters and we defend them no matter what," he smiles.

Penelope Cruz's husband is serious when he describes super-villain Raoul Silva as a "very complex character."

His attempt to win sympathy for the devil was inspired by Bruno Ganz's performance as Adolf Hitler in The Downfall.

Bardem already looks bulletproof. In 2007, the 53 year-old became the first Spaniard ever to win an Oscar, for playing psychopathic killer in No Country For Old Men, and his casting opposite 007 confirms his rise to Hollywood royalty status.

"This is only my second commercial movie, the territory is still new to me," says Bardem, who spent most of his career in low-budget, experimental cinema. "But, for me, it's the same. The set is bigger, the money is bigger, but the commitment is the same."

He has enjoyed his duel with "impressive" Daniel Craig, although Bardem did not share his rival's love of the gym, and kept in shape by eating only fish and vegetables. Although happy to play the villain, life-long Bond fan Bardem would not rule out a job swap to wear the tuxedo in future.

"I'm open, but Daniel is doing a great job."

Online

Want more bond?

- **Website.** Go online to metronews.ca/features for our complete look at 50 years of James Bond movies.

Spoiler alert

Prediction time: Look out for these...

- **M dies.** A shock as the MI6 chief has been with the series since the beginning. Judi Dench has played M for seven films but rumours persist this will be the last.
- **Spy feelings.** Daniel Craig is credited with bringing more humanity to 007, and he says we "get to know him better" in Skyfall. Part of this involves seeing his home for the first time, and possibly discovering that he leaves all his washing up in the sink.
- **The best of both worlds.** Key scenes will take place in Asia. Bond will confront villain Silva on the Japanese Island of Hashima, and test his luck in a gorgeously designed Macau casino. But expect plenty of action in London, including an epic chase.

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Scene in brief

Genie's and Gemini's become one show

Canada's top film and television awards bashes are being combined into a single televised ceremony. The Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television says it is merging annual broadcasts of the Genie Awards, which salute the best in film, and the Gemini Awards, which celebrate homegrown television. Academy chair Martin Katz says the move follows "extensive industry consultation and outreach." The next gala will be a two-hour event on March 3, 2013 airing on CBC-TV. Shows currently eligible for the 2012 Gemini Awards will be part of the academy's new awards show in March 2013.
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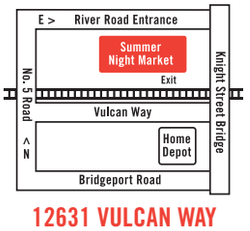

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CFL wide receiver Brad Smith to seek soulmate as star of Bachelor Canada

Looking for a new kind of catch. Son of former CFL boss searching for love in new reality series

CFL wide receiver Brad Smith. HANDOUT

Canadian Football League wide receiver Brad Smith will seek his soulmate as the star of The Bachelor Canada when it premieres in the fall.

The program will be modelled after the popular U.S reality show The Bachelor.

A statement from Rogers Media describes Smith as "driven, confident, candid and comfortable in his own skin."

It goes on to say he is attracted to women "who are independent, intelligent, and just as confident in a ponytail, sweatpants and sweatshirt as they are all dressed up for a night out on the town."

The 28-year-old athlete says he's "extremely honoured" to be chosen, adding that he takes the experience very seriously and believes in the process.

He has played for the Montreal Alouettes, Toronto Argonauts and most recently the Edmonton Eskimos.

Smith, the son of Sen. Larry Smith, a former CFL Commissioner and former president and CEO of the Alouettes, is currently a free agent.

"Brad is the full package — a quintessentially Canadian, down-to-earth man," said Claire Freeland, director of original programming at Rogers Media and executive producer of The Bachelor Canada.

"He is completely committed to this experience and in it for the right reasons. It's Canada's turn to find love with The Bachelor Canada and we could not have hoped for a more well-rounded and genuine person to kick off the first season."

Additional details, including the identity of the host and the 25 bachelorettes, are still to be revealed.

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"He is completely committed to this experience."

Claire Freeland
Bachelor Canada executive producer

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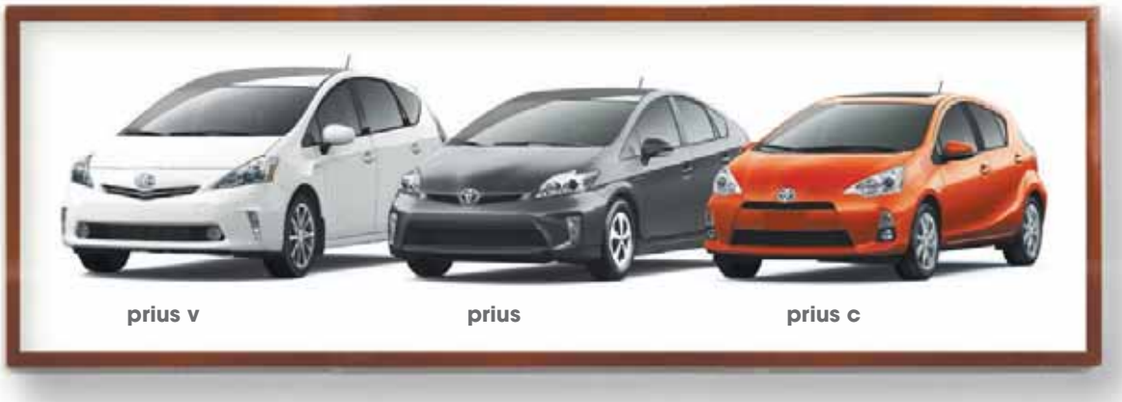

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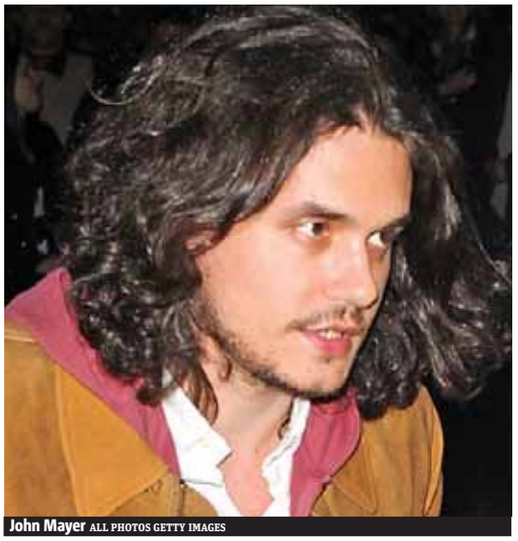

John Mayer ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Singing to let it sink in: Mayer's new song about getting over Aniston

John Mayer is reportedly using Shadow Days, a song off his new album, to finally process the end of his relationship with Jennifer Aniston, according to Us Weekly.

"It really took him a long time to get over her. He really loved her a lot," a source says. "He wrote the song as a farewell letter knowing (Jen) would hear it. Ultimately he's done a lot of self-reflection though, and he realizes they weren't right for each other."

In the video for the song, Mayer drives along a lonely desert road, singing, "I finally learned to let it go."

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Jessica finally has that baby

THE WORD
Dorothy Robinson
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Although Jessica Simpson didn't have the longest pregnancy in the world, it certainly felt like she did.

Well, the eternal wait ended yesterday with Simpson and her fiancé Eric Johnson announcing the birth (finally!) of daughter Maxwell Drew Johnson on Simpson's website.

The baby was certainly well-marinated, weighing in at 9 lbs, 13 oz. But lest Maxwell Drew get all the attention, let's look at which other celebrities popped out a baby while we were all fixated on Simpson's ever-expanding waistline.

• Katherine Heigl and husband Josh Kelley expanded their family and adopted another daughter, according to People magazine. The baby's name and other details are not yet available.

• It was announced in March that Charlize Theron adopted a baby. "She is the proud mom of a healthy baby boy named Jackson," her rep told People magazine.

• Simpson's ex, Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo and his wife Candice Crawford welcomed their first child on April 9, his NFL teammates announced on Twitter.

The only birth to overshadow Simpson's? Beyoncé and Jay-Z welcoming daughter Blue Ivy Carter in January.

Of course, they are our version of royalty, whereas Jessica Simpson is a reality TV star/shoemaker who hasn't had a hit song in at least a decade.

So why all the attention on her uterus? The world may never know. For now, let's breathe a sigh of relief and enjoy this time of non-Simpson-womb-watching. That is, until the photos of Maxwell surface in the highest-bidder tabloid, say, next week.

Maggie Gyllenhaal

Gyllenhaal welcomes baby girl after keeping mum on pregnancy

Maggie Gyllenhaal and Peter Sarsgaard welcomed their second daughter, Gloria Ray, last week, their rep confirms to People magazine. The pair, who married in 2009, also have a 5-year-old daughter, Ramona.

Gloria Ray was born April 19 in New York. Gyllenhaal kept mum on her pregnancy this time around as long as she could — which wasn't easy.

"I find it difficult to pretend you're not pregnant, which I had to do," she told USA Today in March. "I didn't let anyone know until three-and-a-half months this time. I went to film festivals. I'm throwing up in the bathroom and having to keep pretzels in my purse, and having to fit into dresses."

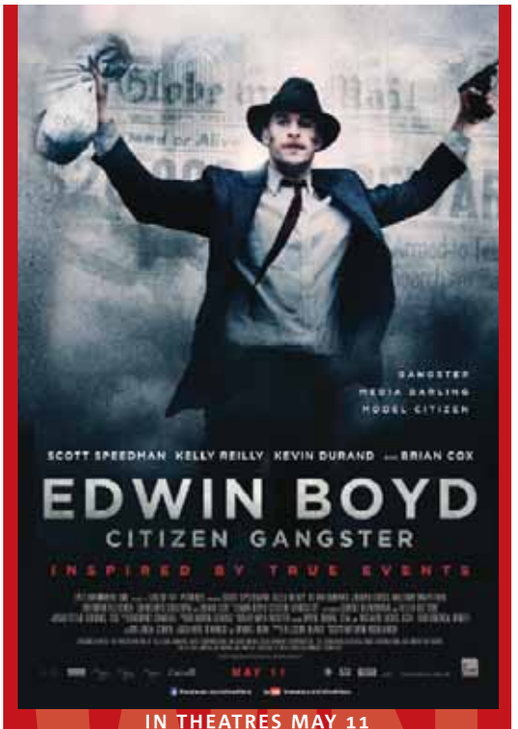
Twitter

@alecbaldwin
If everyone that follows me sent me $20, I would be able to finally have some well-deserved peace and quiet...

@BetteMidler
People, I have just recovered from being a clue in @NYTimes Crossword puzzle yesterday...

@SaraKSilverman
Fun fact: despite all the dirty tweets I send, the one about this march for women has received the most hate mail

@SethMacFarlane
If you have ever pinned a "Cathy" strip to the wall of your cubicle, I am content for us to remain strangers.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4 Berlin Surprises

Think Berlin is simply a city of bad graffiti and raves? Au contraire! We found some chilled out lounges and delicious food.

METRO WORLD NEWS

1 Unexpectedly good aesthetic

Berlin is an interesting mix of Paris meets the Ukraine. The result is surprisingly pretty, and the city's Bauhaus School sensibility stamps industrial design and architecture. Be sure to visit the Bauhus Archiv.

Bauhaus Archiv
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2 There's chilled-out local bars

When you're ready to recover from the raves, take a break at this sophisticated but relaxed bar. Scotch and Sofa boasts a décor that screams junk sale-meets-Mad Men.

Scotch and Sofa
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3 Unexpected market shopping

The Mauerpark Flohmarkt —"Mauerpark" means "wallpark" and used to be an area enclosed by the Berlin Wall —sells antiques, records, homemade jewelry and more. Top it off with a nod to the city's Turkish population at the massive lunch counter serving eastern delicacies.

Walk to the market by starting at the corner of Bernauer Strasse and Gartenstrasse, and see sections of the wall and the memorial on the way.

Mauerpark Flohmarkt
mauerparkmarkt.de
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4 Terrific Asian food?!?!

Popular spot Monsieur Vuong has fast knockout Vietnamese pho.

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3 LIFE

Travel in brief

Last minute booking? There's an app for that

For those times when you suddenly need a hotel room but have no idea where to book, a new mobile app that launched in Canada last Thursday promises to find the best deal for a last-minute stay. According to Sam Shank, there's a multi-billion-dollar business opportunity in offering cut-rate hotel rooms with mere hours to spare. The CEO of the mobile app HotelTonight, now available in Toronto and Vancouver, says there's big money in helping hotels clear out their inventory at the last minute. Starting at noon local time each day, users loading up HotelTonight's Apple or Android app can search for offers available that night.

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Anthony Melchiorri is out to make sure your hotel stays are squeaky clean. TRAVEL CHANNEL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Putting your hotel under a microscope

New series. Host Anthony Melchiorri exposes the dirty side of the hospitality industry

If you think you're a picky hotel guest, check out the pet peeves of Anthony Melchiorri, who critiques hotels for a living and hosts a new show called Hotel Impossible on the Travel Channel.

Melchiorri is freaked out by dirty grout, hates Internet fees and always checks hotel rooms for something he almost can't bear to name.

On the show, which airs Monday nights, Melchiorri advises hotels on how to improve everything from facilities to service to decor with a goal of increasing sales.

He's brought his in-your-face, can-do assessments to properties ranging from Gurney's, a historic beachfront inn in Montauk, N.Y., in the Hamptons, to a boutique hotel named The New Yorker in Miami's artsy MiMo district.

This week, he visits the Purple Orchid in California wine country.

Melchiorri has been in the hospitality business for 20 years and has helped reposition storied Manhattan hotels like the Plaza and the Algonquin.

But he hasn't lost touch with what the average traveller experiences in those first few minutes in a hotel, and he shared that process with The Associated Press.

The lobby

When I walk into a hotel, I want the illusion that my stay is going to be perfect. I want to see the bellhop greet me. I want to see that the paint isn't chipping. I want the front desk to engage me, treat me like a person, so that I know any problem I may have, they will take care of me.

By the time I get to the elevator, I'm already starting to be comfortable.

Biggest fear

As soon as I walk in the room, I put my luggage in the bathroom because that's the safest place away from any insects. I say insects because I don't even want to use the word.

Now I inspect the bed. I'm looking at the seams of the mattress and headboard, end tables, the side of the bed. Let me be clear: most hotels don't have bedbugs.

I have never found a bedbug in a hotel. But I never put my luggage on the bed, ever. And once I realize there's nothing living in the bed, I look for a metal luggage rack and put my luggage on that. (Metal repels bedbugs, they prefer wood.)

The routine

I bolt the door to the room, and if there's an adjoining room, I check the door to make sure that room is locked.

I cannot tell you how many times people have walked in on me. I also look in the shower, sink and tiles for dirty grout.

I can't get in a shower with dirty grout, not even in my own house. It freaks me out.

Then I open up the ironing board, make sure it's functional. I look to see that there's no water in the iron and I put it in a corner of my room so it's ready to use. And then I unpack. ... I have a plastic liner from the dry cleaners and I put that in the drawer first.

The exhale

Now that I know my room is clean, I can forget that I'm a germaphobe.

I can forget that I didn't want to touch the remote control.

If the hotel does its job, and gives me the illusion that it's perfect, then my defences go down.

But if there's a dirty hallway or a light bulb is out or an employee was rude to me, then my cootie-meter is up.

Pet peeves

Rooms that don't have enough electrical outlets; alarm clocks that go off at 4 a.m. because the maid didn't turn off the previous guest's setting; hotels that charge for Internet is another one.

The Algonquin Hotel was famous for hosting a lot of writers. When Dorothy Parker was sitting there at the Algonquin Round Table and she needed a pen, she got a pen for free.

Today we write using the Internet.

Why should I charge somebody for the Internet if I don't charge them for a pen?

The phone call

I once implemented a policy at a hotel that every single guest be called by the front desk within 10 minutes of being in the room to make sure they didn't need anything.

But then I started getting complaints from people. 'I just got in my room, I was in the bathroom, I thought my wife was calling! If I need you, I'll call you!'

So I stopped the phone calls to guests.

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Attention lobster lovers. Three-day crustacean course is just for you

Consumers increasingly want to know where their food comes from and the town of St. Andrews, N.B., is offering lobster lovers some tasty education along with its spectacular scenery.

Imagine taking a three-day course where the curriculum offers the chance to eat lobster and other fresh seafood every meal of the day.

If you're now daydreaming about wearing a lobster bib and wiping melted butter from your chin, then the Lobster Lovers Academy might be the place for you.

St. Andrews, on the coast of the Bay of Fundy, is well known for its spectacular views and many seafood-focused restaurants and take-outs. For the last four years, St. Andrews has hosted a lobster academy to educate buyers for restaurants and food chains on everything they need to know about lobsters — from buying them to proper handling and preparation.

This year, for the first time, the program is being offered to the general public as the Lobster Lovers Academy.

"We said let's build an eco-culinary vacation opportunity and experience for these consumers, and it has been so well received," said spokeswoman Christina Ferranti-Clift. "We're very excited about the upcoming event."

Participants must apply in advance for the June 7-10 event, which costs $999 per person. That includes three nights accommodation in historic Anderson House, meals (including all the lobster you can eat) and a number of excursions.

Ferranti-Clift said the first full day of the academy is a busy one. After a breakfast that includes Lobster Benedict, everyone is taken to the wharf to learn what it's like to be a lobster fisherman.

"Everyone goes out on the boat and hoists lobster traps. We'll tour some of the Bay of Fundy by boat, which is amazingly gorgeous."

"We have a lunch of lobster rolls at the famous lobster shack on Deer Island. Then we go over to the plant to see what happens when the fishermen off-load their catch. It's long day."

Then it's off to the classroom and kitchen to learn more about lobster and how to cook it. "You'll learn how to pair it with different wines, or the various ways to prepare it," Ferranti-Clift said.

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Learn about lobsters this summer. KEVIN BISSETT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Celebrate fresh flavours of spring with roasted fare

Look for local lamb at the market or in stores now as spring is always a favourite time of year to cook it up. This recipe is perfect for a Sunday dinner to share with family and friends.

1. In a small bowl, stir together Dijon, rosemary, garlic and olive oil.

2. Place lamb in a roasting pan and rub marinade over entire surface of the lamb. Roast lamb in the centre of a 190 C (375 F) oven for 60 to 90 minutes or until internal temperature reaches 52 C (125 F) at the thickest point for medium rare. Roast longer for desired doneness. Let lamb rest for 30 minutes before slicing.

3. Walnut Salsa: Meanwhile, in a bowl, stir together chopped walnuts, parsley, mint, anchovies, capers, peppercorns, oil, lemon rind and juice until combined. Spoon over sliced lamb to serve.

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Ingredients

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) Dijon mustard
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) chopped fresh rosemary
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- 1 kg (2 lb) boneless leg of lamb

Walnut Salsa:

- 250 ml (1 cup) chopped walnuts
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) each chopped fresh parsley and mint
- 6 anchovy fillets, minced
- 60 ml (1/4 cup) capers, rinsed and chopped
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) green peppercorns in brine, drained and minced
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) walnut oil
- 10 ml (2 tsp) grated lemon rind
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) lemon juice

Roasted Lamb

This recipe serves four to six people. THE CANADIAN PRESS HANDOUT

Rosemary-Cider Brined Pork. Perfectly tender

1. In a small saucepan over medium heat, combine salt, sugar, cider, rosemary, thyme and chili powder. Stir just until sugar and salt are dissolved. Let cool completely.

2. In a large resealable plastic bag, combine pork loin and brine solution. Squeeze out any air and seal bag shut. Place in a bowl in case of any leaks, then refrigerate for 24 hours.

Ingredients

- 50 ml (1/4 cup) kosher salt
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) packed brown sugar
- 500 ml (2 cups) apple cider
- 1 bunch fresh rosemary
- 1 bunch fresh thyme
- 5 ml (1 tsp) chili powder
- 1 pork loin roast (1.8 kg/4 lb)
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) canola oil

3. About 30 minutes before you are ready to cook, heat oven to 180 C (350 F). Place a rack into your roasting pan.

4. Drain pork and discard brine solution. Rinse pork with cool water, then pat it dry with paper towels. Rub surface of pork with oil and place on the rack. Roast for about 45 minutes or until a thermometer reads 68 C (155 F) at the centre of the pork. Let rest for 15 minutes before slicing.

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The great skill switchover

You've got a lot to offer. How to sell your transferable part-time job skills for full-time employment

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I've gone through the interview process countless times and I think the most important piece of advice I can offer is: sell your transferable skills.

After graduating from university or college, many of us do not have the experience we need to land our dream jobs. What we do have, however, is a slate full of entry-level positions which may include server, retail sales associate, fast-food worker, and many other so called "useless jobs."

However, one thing that many of us fail to recognize is that the skills you acquire in all of these jobs will help you become successful in your future career.

Imagine this scenario

Your interviewer on one side of the desk flipping through your resumé, saying, "So let's go through your past experiences and what you can bring to the table in this position…" Meanwhile you're on the other side fretting, thinking to yourself, "How am I supposed to highlight my qualifications when I don't have any?" But you do!

Your hospitality experience can 'serve' you well in the application process. ISTOCK

Here are a few common jobs students hold, and how to identify transferable skills you can sell to any position:

Server

You're on your feet all day, remembering orders, juggling various tables. This translates to hard working and dedicated, quick learning and an ability to handle various tasks at once. Also constantly dealing with customers of all levels of difficulty builds character and resilience.

Retail sales associate

You deal with many aspects of daily sales operations from point of sale purchases and returns, to organizing merchandise, to assisting customers in finding suitable products. This translates to the ability to multi-task, you have organizational skills, not to mention always maintaining a positive attitude while helping customers choose that perfect item.

Fast-food worker

You work in a small area with a million operations going on at once. You have to ensure customer satisfaction, while working with a number of people in providing tasty food and drinks quickly.

This translates to the ability to work in a fast-paced environment while accomplishing several tasks at once. This position also screams team work!

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I graduated from Ryerson University with a Bachelor of Journalism degree in spring 2010 with the hopes of finding a job in the media industry. I started looking for positions in my professional field in May and went through some interviews that didn't lead to anything.

I realized that the biggest obstacle hindering my prospects of finding a job was my experience. Even though I volunteered to write for my school outlets, such as The Eyeopener and McClung's Magazine, I didn't get enough training and exposure to the real world work environment.

Without wasting my time, I researched many companies online using Twitter, Facebook and even YouTube to gather insights on which industry I should tap into. I considered getting an education in public relations and communications but felt I needed some work experience before I decided if that's something I really wanted to get into.

Nonetheless, I finally got my first job at the end of 2010, where I was a Content Writer for a small online company. This job gave me the platform to try and learn new things, including SEO marketing, social media networking and branding. It opened my eyes to different career paths I could take and I became more confident in my job prospects as a growing journalist.

Where I am now

I recently went back to school to pursue a graduate certificate in Human Resources Management but dropped out of the program because I didn't feel I was ready to change careers just yet. I volunteered for different online magazines and networked with people in the writing and editing industry.

My recommendations for employers, schools and career centres

One thing I highly recommend for employers is to look beyond the education and look for any transferable skills a potential candidate may have. Many people who worked at different jobs have acquired multiple skill sets that can be used for another job they apply for. Just because they may not have the degree, training or education doesn't mean their experience doesn't allow them to learn those aspects. What matters is what results they can bring to the company and what value they have as an employee. It's important that prospective workers can apply their knowledge into the work they do, as well as have a solid academic foundation to back it up.

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Confusion around crossing the line

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Consider whether the co-worker making you uncomfortable in your workplace has been warned about his or her behaviour. ISTOCK

In Canadian workplaces today, sexual harassment is defined by a thin yellow line. Sexual innuendo that can easily be seen as harmless flirting to one employee, can just as easily be seen as an invitation for a lawsuit, to another.

As sexual harassment is often in the eyes of the beholder, when will an employee's inappropriate comments cost him his job?

Robert Gillam held an important job as a supervisor working on pipeline projects in Western Canada, for Waschuk Pipe Line Construction, a mainly male dominated workplace. Three females worked at the job site, and one of them just happened to be the daughter of the company's owner.

Gillam felt that the three female employees spent too much time socializing with the male employees and that they were responsible for work not getting done. As a result, in conversations with other employees, he consistently referred to them in very derogatory terms, blaming them for a number of his problems.

When the women complained that the name calling amounted to harassment, Gillam was warned that his job was on the line. Although the issue improved for some time, it did not disappear entirely.

When the company's owner later learned that one of the female employees was considering suing the company, he decided that Gillam had to be fired without severance. Gillam sued arguing that his conduct was not serious enough to justify his dismissal.

At a recent trial, Gillam's case was dismissed. According to the judge, it did not matter that Gillam did not make the derogatory statements directly to the female employees. Since they learned about his statements through others, it poisoned the workplace and qualified as sexual harassment nonetheless. In the quest to define when an employee's inappropriate comments will amount to sexual harassment, there are some recurring themes:

* Whether there is a workplace harassment policy and whether its terms have been followed.

* Whether the employee was warned that the comments were offside. Here, Gillam was warned his behaviour could not be condoned, which contributed to the finding that his case should be dismissed.

* Whether the employee knew or ought to have known that the comments were unwelcome.

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SPORTS

NBA

Spurs' Popovich named top coach

Gregg Popovich was selected as the NBA's coach of the year on Tuesday after leading the San Antonio Spurs to 50 wins and the No. 1 seed in the Western Conference in the lockout-shortened season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CFL

Teams try on new looks for Year 100

CFL teams will be sporting a different look this season as part of the league's 100th-anniversary celebration.

This week, eight teams are unveiling new re-engineered jerseys created by Reebok. The East Division squads donned their new uniforms Tuesday with the Western clubs unveiling theirs Wednesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jeff Johnson tries on his new Argos jersey in Toronto on Tuesday. AARON VINCENT ELKAIM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

NBA

Bulls drop Game 2 without Rose

Jrue Holiday scored 26 points, Lou Williams added 20 and the Philadelphia 76ers beat Chicago 109-92 on Tuesday night to even their first-round series in the Bulls' first game without Derrick Rose. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB

"It shows a lot about this team and the heart that we have."

Langley's Brett Lawrie, after hitting a walk-off homer for the Toronto Blue Jays on Tuesday night. Lawrie's blast capped a wild 8-7 game against the Texas Rangers marked by several momentum shifts.

Devils break through in 3rd

NHL. Floodgates open for New Jersey after peppering Flyers' Bryzgalov for 40 minutes

Zach Parise rushes over to congratulate Devils teammate David Clarkson, who crashed the net to score the game-winning goal on Ilya Bryzgalov in Philadelphia Tuesday night. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Game 2

Devils	Flyers
4	1

Adam Larsson watched Game 1 from the press box, dressed sharply in a suit and tie. From the rafters, he sat helpless as he watched his New Jersey Devils lose a tough road opener in this Eastern Conference semifinal series against the Flyers in overtime.

In Game 2, though, he received his chance to shed the suit, and don a uniform.

And the 19-year-old rookie took full advantage.

Larsson scored the first post-season goal of his career off a wristshot in the third, igniting a four-goal explosion in the period, as the Devils rallied to a 4-1 win over Philadelphia on Tuesday night.

"I know how the playoffs (are)," Larsson said. "I watched all the games from the stands. I know that everybody steps up a little bit. I knew in my mind, if wanted to stay in the lineup, I had to step it up."

Larsson and Clarkson scored consecutive goals in the third period to rally the Devils past the Flyers and make up for the absence of Ilya Kovalchuk. The Devils played without their regular-season leading scorer because of a lower-body injury.

Travis Zajac added a late goal to make it 3-1, and Bryce Salvador scored a late empty-netter for the Devils.

Game 3 is Thursday in Newark, N.J.

Matt Read scored 2:53 into the game to give the Flyers hope they could jump to a commanding series lead. Instead, the offence went into a funk and goalie Ilya Bryzgalov couldn't protect the advantage.

Even without Kovalchuk, the Devils did what they wanted against Bryzgalov, taking close shots and dominating the play in the Flyers zone.

They just couldn't score — until the third.

Bryzgalov, who signed a $51-million US, nine-year deal last summer, was especially stout in the second when he bailed out the Flyers offence with a 12-save period. The Flyers went more than 18 minutes in the period before taking a shot on Martin Brodeur.

"I didn't sense frustration. We were comfortable with how we played the first two periods," Devils coach Peter DeBoer said. "And it was just a matter of keeping it going in the third. And the goals came."

Kovalchuk's injury opened a roster spot for Larsson, a rookie defenceman, to be activated. Larsson was a first-round pick last year and had two goals and 18 points in his first NHL season, but had not played a playoff game yet. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL

"I obviously didn't choose the right words. I don't have anything personally against Mike Gillis or the Vancouver Canucks."

Former NHLer Gary Roberts, who said on Tuesday that he regretted comments that appeared a day earlier in the Buffalo News where he called Vancouver Canucks general manager Mike Gillis "a moron." The Canucks traded Cody Hodgson to the Buffalo Sabres prior to the trade deadline. Gillis criticized Hodgson, who trains with Roberts at his gym in the summer, at his end-of-season news conference.

"But in Cody's defence, I've been with this player for three years, I see his commitment, dedication, the type of person he is, the way he treats people. I see how hard he's worked through a very tough time early in his career and I just felt very strongly that I had to take a stand for this young man."

Gary Roberts

On the web

Highly touted Nationals slugger Bryce Harper was set to make his big-league home debut in Washington on Tuesday night as an injury fill-in. But Harper looks like he could be the rare 19-year-old who lands a full-time gig in the majors. Scan the code for the story.

NHL. Predators pair to sit out for selfish behaviour

Alexander Radulov, top, and Andrei Kostitsyn. TOP: MARK HUMPHREY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE BOTTOM: JONATHAN DANIEL/GETTY IMAGES FILE

The Nashville Predators already face a tough challenge returning home, down 0-2 to the Phoenix Coyotes in their Western Conference semifinal.

Now, they either have something to rally around with forwards Alexander Radulov and Andrei Kostitsyn suspended for Game 3 on Wednesday night or wind up with yet another excuse in this series.

The Predators announced the suspensions Tuesday morning, and general manager David Poile and coach Barry Trotz said the decision to punish the forwards for violating unspecified team rules was easy. The general manager is leaving the decision on whether the pair return for Game 4 on Friday night up to Trotz.

Poile refused to specify what Radulov and Kostitsyn did, saying any hint would give away what they did. He called their behaviour unfortunate and selfish. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Caps' Knighton all lathered up for clash with Edmonton

Whitecaps goalkeeper Brad Knighton during a match in March. VICTOR DECOLONGON/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Brad Knighton has a problem with follicles.

"I don't enjoy hair," the Vancouver Whitecaps backup goalkeeper said recently. "You're doing your taping and putting your shin guards on. It's not a very good feeling."

Accordingly, Knighton regularly shaves his legs prior to games. He will continue the ritual before Wednesday's opening leg of an Amway Canadian soccer championship semifinal series in Edmonton, where he is expected to make his first start of the season.

"I wouldn't say it makes me play better or stronger," he said. "It's like a lucky penny in your pocket."

If all goes as planned, the Whitecaps will bank on Knighton to help them advance closer to a Canadian title that they have never won. The return leg goes May 9 in Vancouver with the winner advancing to the Canadian finals against the winner of the Toronto-Montreal series.

The Canadian Championship winner takes home the Voyageurs Cup and earns a berth in the CONCACAF Champions League. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ford Fusion classes it up

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The under-hood changes will really rock Fusion fans.

Review. For 2013, there's a whole new bag of tricks, new looks and a plug-in hybrid model. Ford, you have our attention.

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The next-generation Ford Fusion is more than a new mid-size sedan; it's really the marriage of high-fashion style with league-leading fuel economy. Oh, and some significant technological treats are also coming along for the ride.

The Fusion's latest powertrain array borders on overwhelming, seemingly geared for a world where gasoline prices threaten to reach stratospheric levels.

But if content is king, then the other half of this royal equation is the king's new apparel. The Fusion's January launch at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit, Mich., caused palpable buzz amongst the assembled media. The dramatic sweep of the roofline suggests kinship with the Audi A7, Volkswagen CC and CLS-class Mercedes-Benz, while the open-mouth grille veers 180-degrees from the current triple-bar fixture. Simply put, the Fusion will possibly be the classiest-looking mid-size sedan on the road when it goes on sale in the third quarter of 2012.

The Fusion's high fashion extends to the cabin where passengers are greeted with fancier trim, comfier seats and a freshly pressed control panel. Ford says that passenger space has increased by relocating the dashboard closer to the windshield.

With near-revolutionary improvements in looks and content, Ford appears determined to become the leading innovator within the mid-size sedan pack and at the same time improve its standing in that ultra-competitive segment.

Plenty of engine options

The car joins the Hyundai Sonata and 2013 Chevrolet Malibu in abandoning its V6 option, but there are now no fewer than five distinctive engine picks, including two gasoline-electric hybrid systems, as well as front- and all-wheel-drive availability. Price-leading models get a 170-horsepower 2.5-litre four-cylinder engine.

2013 Ford Fusion

- **Type.** Four-door, front-all-wheel-drive mid-size sedan.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.5-litre DOHC I4 (170); 1.6-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (179); 2.0-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (237); 2.0-litre I4 with electric motor (185 net).
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** $23,500 (est.).

Plenty of assistance

Ford is also introducing a full assortment of available communications and safety content, such as a keep-you-in-line lane-monitoring system, keep-your-distance adaptive cruise control, confidence-boosting parking spot assist, and a shoulder-check-replacing blind-spot system.

Fuel economy

The 179-horsepower 1.6-litre turbocharged "Ecoboost" engine earns a top rating of 9.0 l/100 km city and 6.4 highway, aided by technology that shuts off the engine when the vehicle is stopped, then instantaneously restarts it once the brake pedal is released.

Those are decent numbers, but the fuel-economy leaders are the two hybrid models.

5 DRIVE

Top Gear

Go ahead, drop the gate

For the most part, pickup tailgates don't have it easy. Rarely, it seems, are they ever gently lowered. Instead they're usually just dropped open, placing considerable stress on the hinges and support cables. That problem is eliminated with the EZ-Down kit from Stabilus. The product consists of a damper that attaches to one side of the bed and connects to the tailgate using the supplied hardware. EZDown has been designed for most domestic and import pickups dating back to the late 1990s. Kits are priced at $70, including a two-year warranty. Check out the installation video at ezdown.com, while the purchasing process can be handled directly at ezdownstore.com.
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This Camry can help you soak up the sun

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With an attempt at injecting some fun and excitement into the Toyota Camry lineup, the Toyota Camry Solara (Toyota Solara for short) turned the automaker's reliable and well-loved Camry into a two-door coupe or convertible. Intended for shoppers after a more personal motoring experience, the second-generation Solara debuted as a 2004 model, and has now transitioned into used-car territory.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Common issues

Checking out a Solara Convertible? Inspect the roof mechanism thoroughly. Rips, tears, abrasions and duct-tape patches are all bad signs. Inspect the area where the roof stores for signs of rust, mildew or moisture, which could indicate a leak.

Soak the car aggressively in a coin-operated spray-and-wash to inspect for leaks. Some owners have reported leaks through the convertible top, as well as a tendency for water collected on the roof to drip into the cabin when the doors are opened.

Lumpy or sporadic acceleration may be the result of a bad engine sensor, and any hard shifting from the transmission is likely a computer-related issue that requires reprogramming of the gearbox's electronic 'brain.'

Engine

Look for four or six-cylinder power with output between approximately 160 and 230 horsepower, respectively, and automatic transmissions all around. All models were front-wheel drive.

What owners like

Most Solara owners rave about relatively generous trunk space, sharp looks, good gas mileage and an easy-to-use convertible top.

A smooth ride, spoiling looks and a comfortable interior round out the package.

What owners dislike

Most owners say the Solara is more set up for touring than sportiness — and that handling is less than inspiring.

A few owners also report squeaks and rattles as the car ages.

Verdict

A well-maintained Solara should prove to be a sensible, relatively spacious and easy-to-live-with machine.

Note that the lighter and less complicated coupe model should offer up better handling and a quieter ride, if you're not dead set on a drop-top.

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Tempering spring optimism

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Some wise person once said, "No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn."

The sentiment assumes spring rules and winter drools.

Not saying the assumption is wrong, just that it could be more nuanced. There are dark sides to everything, even to some of the wonderful things wrought by spring.

Pollen, for instance, eventually brings a glorious greening to trees and their ilk, but not before it sneaks en masse into various entry points in my head, and does an Occupy Wall Street in my sinus cavities.

There is also a dark side to the optimism generally associated with spring renewal. While it's possible for everyone to be optimistic, it's not possible for everyone to be on the winning side of whatever they are optimistic about. Just ask Canadian hockey fans. The puck hit the fan so to speak, at every Canadian NHL franchise this spring. And just to mangle that metaphor a bit more, that puck not only got chewed up in the fan, it ultimately killed the fan too, but not before the dying fan spit the puck back and right into the new flat screen TV, which also died an untimely death. Basically, spring equals death.

I'm only in this mood because one my favourite spring car rituals didn't turn out too well this past weekend.

I always look forward to firing up my old Jaguar every spring, after its long winter slumber.

It's always great to once again breathe in its intoxicating mixture of gas, old leather, and oily metal, reacquaint myself with its lovely sheet metal, and hear the engine cough and spurt before smoothing out to a satisfying low and even rumble.

This year there was a large puddle of brake fluid under the Jaguar. Usually there is some, but this was over the top. No brakes.

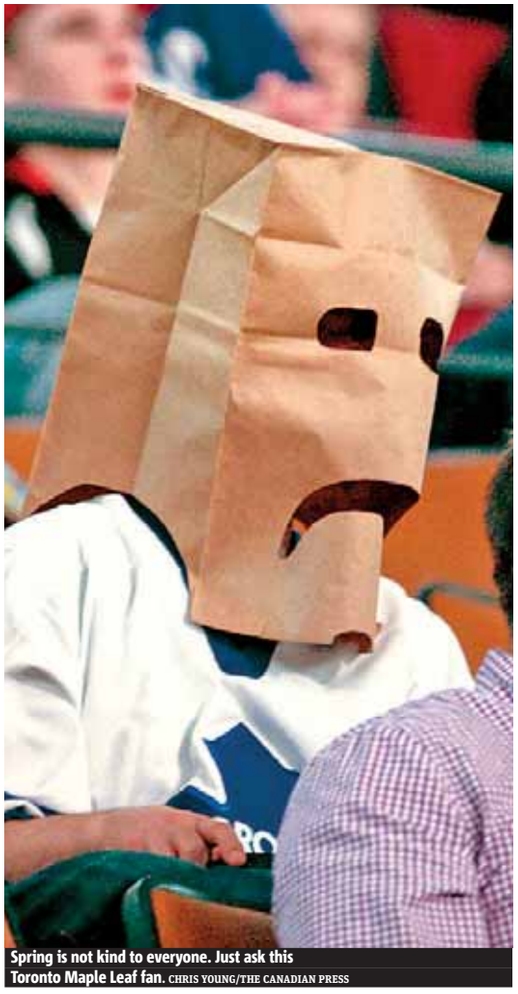
Oh well, I'll start the engine at least. It fired right up. I tilted the "bonnet" forward to examine the engine while it warmed up. As soon as I did that I could smell raw gas, and then could see gas pouring out of the front carburettor. A stuck float probably. The usual remedy, hitting the bottom of the float bowl gently but firmly with a rubber hammer, didn't work. So then I tried hitting my head with the rubber hammer. That didn't work either.

I shut the engine off.

Instead of that first great drive of the season, I had one big mess to clean up, and two mechanical problems to sort out. And I just spent the first part of the day doing income tax returns.

A lot or renewal happens in the spring, but old cars just get older.

I cleaned up the mess the best I could, put the cover back on the car, and went back in the house. Got a beer and watched the end of the Blue Jays game, which just happens to be another spring ritual of mine from time to time, and a much more dependable one too.



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Crossword

Across

1 Serf
6 Actor Fernando
11 Appetizer
12 Inventor — Graves Otis
14 Wastes no time
15 Spurts forth
16 New Haven collegian
17 Assertion
19 "Go, team!"
20 Cribbage gizmos
22 Diplomatic agt.
23 Bear lair
24 Bert's pal
26 Egg white
28 Apply Brylcreem
30 Mess up
31 Relax briefly
35 "Hi" in Hilo
39 Writer Kingsley
40 Bumped into
42 Eventual statue
43 Android, for short
44 Give private lessons
46 Parched
47 No teetotalers
49 Advertises
51 "Sing some more!"
52 Construction pieces
53 Dilutes
54 Small change

Down

1 Van
2 Pulver's rank
3 — -di-dah
4 Cartel acronym
5 Induction motor pioneer
6 Easy to read
7 Grad
8 "— for the million ..."
9 Religious retreat
10 Make a bundle
11 Thin pancake
13 Wan
18 "I — Rock"
21 Factions
23 Ringlets
25 Corrode
27 Monokini's lack
29 Puzzles
31 Dinette necessity
32 Quantity
33 Tackiness
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38 Big pit
41 Subject
44 Gull's cousin
45 Hayseed
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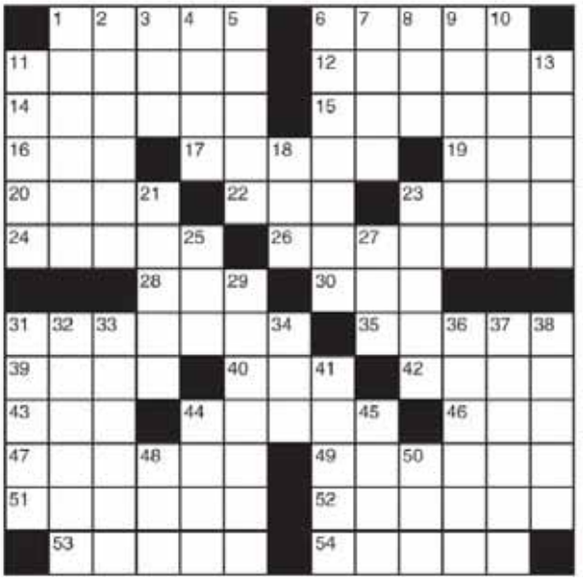
50 D.C. title



Sudoku

	9						3	
		8				6		
3	6		7	9	2		8	1
	1		2		7		6	
6								5
	5		9		4		7	
2	3		8	4	5		1	6
		6				4		
	8						9	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

8	6	4	7	3	5	9	2	1
2	9	5	4	6	1	3	8	7
7	1	3	2	8	9	6	4	5
5	7	2	3	9	8	8	1	4
1	4	8	5	7	6	2	9	3
5	3	9	1	4	2	8	7	6
4	5	1	9	2	3	7	6	8
3	2	6	8	1	7	4	5	9
9	8	7	6	5	4	1	3	2

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

AV W BYPRKL AR HWS EKK VKLC KV VPANWEYR WLC CYREPKSYPR, RKFY FANXE RWS AE'R HWPRXAB HKPRXAB.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT MIGHT A PERSON CALL FOLKS WHO ARE SMOOTHING DOWN PIECES OF CORN? KERNEL SANDERS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals O

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Horoscope

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Taurus | April 21 - May 21. You will be romantic today. Surprise the object of your affection with a gift you know will be appreciated.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. A few kind words from you could make all the difference to someone today. It's time to kiss and make up.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. The facts and figures may be on your side but that does not necessarily mean you are going to win the argument.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Someone you find attractive could have a negative affect on your money situation today. Don't fall for the charm of a pretty face.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Anything routine or predictable will turn you off. Put chores and duties off until another day.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Is a friend really loyal to you, or is it just an act to get what they want? According to the planets it may be the latter, so be on your guard.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Someone you usually find it quite hard to get along with is trying to be nice to you. End the hostility.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. You enjoy surprises. That's good, as there will be a flood of them coming your way over the next 24 hours.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. It's not often you get caught up with a new fad or fashion but something has seized hold of your imagination and won't let go. Enjoy it.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. You know when to make a noise about things you don't agree with, and you know this is not the right time to make critical remarks.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. A friend will confide in you. You may be shocked by their confession. Offer practical advice. SALLY BROMPTON

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